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Draft resolution submitted by the President of the Council, Inga Rhonda King (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)

Working arrangements for the 2019 session of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 61/16 of 20 November 2006, 68/1 of 20 September 2013 and 72/305 of 23 July 2018 concerning the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council,

Reiterating that, as a principal organ of the United Nations, it is entitled to hold ad hoc meetings as and when needed, with full substantive support and conference services, to address urgent developments in the economic, social, environmental and related fields,

Noting that the arrangements set forth in General Assembly resolution 68/1 should not lead to an increase in the number of meeting days currently provided for the Council,

Acknowledging that, in scheduling its sessions, meetings and consultations, the Council should take into consideration meetings of other bodies dealing with economic, social and environmental issues to avoid unnecessary overlapping and overburdening of their agendas,

Recalling the adoption of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development[1] and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,[2]

Recalling also that the 2018 forum on financing for development follow-up decided that the fourth forum would be held from Monday, 15 April, to Thursday, 18 April 2019,

[1] General Assembly resolution 69/313, annex.
[2] General Assembly resolution 70/1.

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1. *Decides* on the following working arrangements for the 2019 session of the Economic and Social Council, mindful that it may need to convene additional meetings as needed:

(a) The youth forum will be held on Tuesday, 9 April, and Wednesday, 10 April 2019;

(b) The partnership forum will be held on Thursday, 11 April 2019;

(c) The one-day special meeting of the Council on international cooperation in tax matters will be held on Friday, 26 April 2019;

(d) The multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals will be held on Tuesday, 14 May, and Wednesday, 15 May 2019;

(e) The operational activities for development segment will be held from Tuesday, 21 May, to Thursday, 23 May 2019;

(f) The humanitarian affairs segment will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from Wednesday, 29 May, to Friday, 31 May 2019;

(g) The meetings of the management segment will be held on Thursday, 6 June, and Friday, 7 June 2019; and on Tuesday, 23 July, and Wednesday, 24 July 2019;

(h) Dedicated management meetings will be held on Tuesday, 7 May 2019, to conduct elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary bodies of the Council and related bodies;

(i) The integration segment will be held on Monday, 8 July 2019;

(j) The high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council, will be held from Tuesday, 9 July, to Monday, 15 July 2019;

(k) The high-level segment of the Council, including the three-day ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council, will be held from Tuesday, 16 July, to Friday, 19 July 2019;

2. *Also decides* that the organizational session regarding the programme of work of the Council from July 2019 to July 2020 will be held on Thursday, 25 July 2019.

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